



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO PARENTS OF U.S. CITIZENS BORN ABROAD

The approved CONSULAR REPORT OF BIRTH ABROAD OF A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (FS-240) is evidence that your child acquired United States citizenship at birth. This form is known as a basic citizenship document. The duplicate of the form FS-240 has been forwarded to the Passport Office of the Department of State in Washington, D.C. for permanent filing purposes, together with your application for a consular report of birth abroad, form FS-579, which you recently completed.

The Consular Report of Birth (FS-240) is issued on specially designed safety paper with preprinted serial numbers; multiple copies of the form cannot be issued. In order to obtain a replacement document for a lost/stolen or mutilated FS-240, a notarized affidavit explaining the loss/theft/mutilation must be provided to:

Department of State
Passport Services
Correspondence Branch
1111 19th Street, N.W. - Suite 510
Washington, D.C. 20522-1705

Your written request should include: (1) full name of child at birth (plus any adoptive names); (2) date and place of birth; (3) names of parents; (4) serial number of the FS-240 (if issued after Nov. 1, 1990 and if available); (5) any available passport information; (6) signature of the requestor and; (7) the notarized affidavit explaining the circumstances. **The fee for a replacement copy is \$ 40.00, payable by check or money order to the Department of State.** The replacement will have the number of the original document followed by a dash and a number indication it is not the original issuance.

IMPORTANT: Children born of two U.S. citizen parents in American military hospitals are not required to be registered by German authorities. Under German law, however, children born of one German and one non-German parent (after January 1, 1975) may also have a claim to German citizenship, and for this reason, some parents obtain German birth certificates as well. Under these circumstances, parents should check with the German Standesamt in whose jurisdiction the birth took place.

Your U.S. citizen child is not required to have his/her birth registered with any state, county or municipal authority in the United States.